

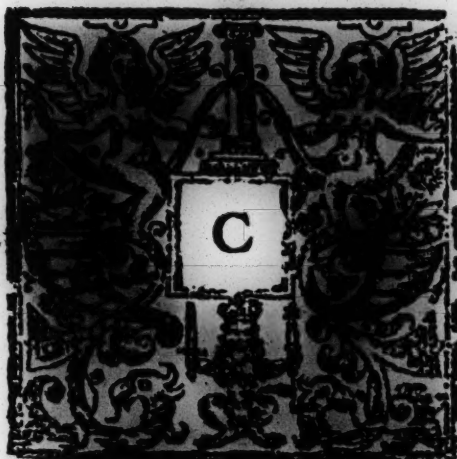
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PROCLAMATION,

Discharging the Importation of BRANDY-WINE.

Edinburgh, the thirteenth day of February, one thousand six hundred and sixty eight.



HARLES, By the Grace of G D D, King of Great Britain, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith; To

Magiers, or Messengers at Arms, conjunctly and severally, specially constitute, Greeting. Forasmuch, as by the frequent importation of Brandy-Wine into this Kingdom, there arises great prejudice to the Heretors, whose Barley and Malt is consumed and imployed upon brewing of Ale and Beer, and making of Aquavie and other Strong-Waters: As likewise, many Families are like to be deprived of their Livelihoods, who live by the saids Manufacturies: And that by the sixth Act of the third Session of the last Parliament, the importation of all Strong-Waters of all kinds and Aquavie, is altogether discharged, without mentioning Brandy-Wine, which for the reasons foresaids, ought likewise to be prohibited: And that by the twenty sixth Act of that Session of Parliament, Our Royal Prerogative in the order and disposal of Trade with Foreign Nations, and the laying of restraints and impositions upon Foreign imported Commodities, is asserted to belong to Us and Our Successors. Therefore, and for the good of that Our ancient Kingdom, we, with advice of the Lords of Our Privy Council, prohibit and discharge the importation of all Brandy-Wine into any Port, Haven or Creek of this Our said Kingdom, or the Isles belonging thereto, after the respective times following; That is to say, That no Merchant or other person whatsoever, by any Order, Instructions, Cockets, Bills of Lading or other Wapes, give Warrant to loaden any Ship that is to go beyond Seas from any Port or Place of this Kingdom, with Brandy-Wine, after the publication hereof; and that immediately they send their Orders and Instructions to their Correspondents and Factors in all places, where they have Ships to be loadened upon their account, that no Brandy-Wine be put aboard any of the saids Ships, after the eighth day of March next; with certification, if they failzie, the whole quantity of Brandy-Wine that shall be imported, contrair to this Our prohibition, shall be confiscate to Our use, without any abatement or composition whatsoever. And Ordains these presents to be printed, and published at the Mercat-cross of Edinburgh, Peer and Shoar of Lieth, and other places needful, that none pretend ignorance.

Pet. Wedderburne, Cl. Sti. Concilii.

EDINBURGH,

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